

The Department of External Affairs announces the signature on Sunday, January 25 in Mexico of a Cultural Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico. This Agreement was signed by the Canadian Ambassador to Mexico, Mr. J.C. Langley, and the Mexican Minister of External Affairs, Mr. Alfonso Garcia Robles, in the presence of the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau, currently on an official visit to Mexico.

The objective of this Agreement is to enhance co-operation in cultural relations between Canada and Mexico as expressed at the second Canada-Mexico Ministerial Committee meeting in January 1974.

To this end, both Parties have agreed to stimulate to the extent possible exchanges in all fields of academic and cultural life. They will encourage academic exchanges (scholarships, exchanges of research workers and teachers, reciprocal visits, recognition of degrees, ...), the exchange of information between representatives of cultural, professional and social groups of both countries, and participation in international meetings.

Both Parties will facilitate performances by artists and ensembles, contacts in the fields of news media and cinema, dissemination of books and other publications of a scientific, educational, technical or literary nature, translations, contacts in the fields of publishing, libraries, archives and museums, co-operation between sports and youth organizations, and the activities of their respective cultural institutions.

Meetings will be held alternately in each country to review the progress of the exchanges carried out and to work out recommendations for further development of cultural co-operation.